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1. The 10th VP Bereitschaft of Land Thuringia totaled about 600 officers and EM and was quartered in the Spinnhuetten, Apolda (M 52/J 67). It was organized into the Bereitschaft headquarters with a Sonderkommando, which was a 64-man medium mortar platoon, a 10-man signal section, and two 250-man Kommandos. Each Kommando was composed of three rifle Abteilungen and a heavy Abteilung. The 3rd Kommando was scheduled to be activated soon.
2. The personnel of the Bereitschaft included Oberpolizeirat Walter, (fnu), CO; Oberkommissar Gruendel, (fnu), PK-Leiter; Oberkommissar Peters, (fnu), director of training; Oberkommissar Kressmann, (fnu), supply officer; Oberkommissar Roellinger, (fnu), German liaison officer to the Soviets, a graduate of an Antifa school in Moscow; Oberkommissar Raab, (fnu), PK-Leiter of 1st Kommando; Oberkommissar Blankenstein, (fnu), commanding officer of 2nd Kommando; Oberkommissar Gelbke, PK-Leiter of 2nd Kommando; Kommissar Schulz, (fnu), commanding officer of Sonderkommando; Kommissar Batz, (fnu), Dpty commanding officer of Sonderkommando; and Polizeimeister Sommer, (fnu), PK-Leiter of Sonderkommando.
3. Soviet inspectors and liaison officers included a one-star general who, in May 1950, inspected the Bereitschaft twice at outdoor service and once at morning calisthenics; a Soviet officer, about 35 years of age, 165 cm tall, stout, who had a little knowledge of the German language, wore the uniform of a VP Kommandeur, was allegedly billeted in Bautzen and stayed with the Bereitschaft nearly every day; and another Soviet officer, about 35 years old, 160 cm tall, with black wavy hair and a little knowledge of the German language, who wore either the uniform of a captain or civilian clothes and who frequently stayed at the Bereitschaft.
4. The armament of the Bereitschaft included 3 model 08 heavy machine guns, 2 to 4 model 42 light machine guns, 7 or 8 model 34 light machine guns, 140 model 44 submachine guns, 50 model 38/39 submachine guns, 100 automatic rifles with 10-round clips, 270 model 98-K carbines, 18 model 08 pistols and 10 to 12 pistols of 7.65 mm caliber.

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5. After April 1950 target practice with rifles and light machine guns ~~was~~ held at Jena (M 51/J 66) four or five times. The firing was done at a distance of 100 to 200 meters.
6. Sixty police from the Bereitschaft who participated in the FDJ Whitsun rally at Berlin had been issued earth-brown shirts there. A supply of shirts for the whole Bereitschaft personnel was in stock according to the policeman who ran the quartermaster supply room.

* Comment. The location in Spinnhuetten, Apolda, of the newly activated 10th VP Bereitschaft was previously reported

** Comment. Oberpolizeirat Walter, Oberkommissar Raab and Oberkommissar Gelbke were previously identified.

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